

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: June 27, 2016

COAC #: 16-5802

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: Community Funding Support
to Non-Profit Organizations Serving
Goodyear Residents.**

STAFF PRESENTER: Christina Plante,
Neighborhood Services Coordinator

CASE NUMBER: N/A

OTHER PRESENTER: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve recommended allocations for FY2016-17 Community Funding.

PURPOSE:

The Community Funding program is intended to support social and community services that are needed and provide direct or indirect benefit to Goodyear residents. Over the years, the focus ranges from arts and quality of life to core human and social services.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

The city's Community Funding program was formalized by a 2001 council resolution. At that time, the following criteria was developed to guide the consideration of requests for community funding support:

- Benefit to the community (current and historic)
- Community need
- Whether the service is already provided (i.e. avoid duplication)
- Geographic service area
- Methods of documenting the benefits to be provided in the community
- Clarity of the projects stated goals and objectives
- Longevity and reputation of the organization's service in the community
- Follow-up documentation provided for previous application
- Ability to obtain funding from other sources
- Evidence of organization's tax exempt status

City staff solicits proposals from non-profits, reviews them for completeness and prepares them for review by a city council subcommittee. The subcommittee meets to discuss the applications and prepares funding recommendations for consideration and approval of the full City council. Staff distributes the funding awards and monitors the progress of the awarded agency's goals through 6-month and annual reports.

DETAILS OF THE REQUEST:

Applications were available on the city's website, and emailed on March 29, 2016 to all FY2015-16 applicants, members of the Goodyear Faith Community Roundtable and individuals who had contacted the city to request information about the grant opportunity. Additionally, announcements of the funding opportunity were made at various networking and alliance meetings for West Valley human service providers and faith partners.

The application deadline was May 1, 2016. Members of the subcommittee received the applications on May 6, 2016. On May 11, 2016 the subcommittee met to discuss the applications and established consensus on the following funding recommendation totaling \$114,400:

Agency	Amount
A New Leaf, Inc.: to help families with children enrolled in the Avondale School District remain stably housed, thereby reducing school mobility and improving students' chance of academic success.	\$ 5,000
Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank: to support the annual School Uniform Program, assisting families who do not have the financial means of providing new uniforms for their children.	\$ 2,000
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK): to support the Building & Strengthening Foster Families for Children program which recruits, trains, monitors and supports families caring for foster children with special needs.	\$ 2,000
All Faith Community Services: to support job training and community service learning opportunities for low-income adults and at risk youth and enhance senior volunteer engagement at the food bank, and provide low-income children a weekend snack sack; as well as, assist with facility usage costs to expand the programs into a larger space.	\$ 15,000
Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter: to provide family care consultation, education workshops, 24/7 confidential, personal telephone support and support groups for caregivers and/or individuals in the early stages of disease about issues related to dementia.	\$ 5,000
Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Inc.: to help activate services for Goodyear residents currently on the waiting list for Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL) services.	\$ 5,200
Arizona Opera Company: to support the costs associated with the OperaTunity, free arts education programming.	\$ 1,000
Benevilla: to support the expansion of Benevilla's Volunteer Home Services program in Goodyear.	\$ 1,500

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona: to support a Community-Based Mentoring Program, providing mentors for high-risk, disadvantaged youth living in Goodyear for one full year.	\$ 1,500
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix: Goodyear Community Funding will help cover the costs of providing afterschool and summer programs to Goodyear youth at our Tri-City West/Thornwood Branch (TCW) in Avondale.	\$ 5,000
Catitute Gallery Studio, CGS, - A Community Arts Center: to fund Follow Your Art Jr., a summer high school arts program in the Goodyear Community Center.	\$ 1,000
Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS): to support the general operation of CASS' two regional shelters for single adults and families with children experiencing homelessness.	\$ 10,000
Childhelp, Inc.: to help fund the Childhelp therapist located at Southwest Family Advocacy Center in Goodyear.	\$ 10,000
Community Information and Referral Services/ 2-1-1 Arizona: Goodyear Community Funding dollars would go to pay for direct services for Call Specialists.	\$ 3,700
Father Matters, Inc.: to support the Fathers in the Mix Program within the Goodyear community at local schools, head start programs, community centers or libraries.	\$ 1,500
Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona: to support program expenses associated with the Weekly Mentor Program, the Professional Artist Series, Free Arts Days and summer Camp Series for children living in Goodyear.	\$ 1,500
Hattie Larlham: to fund scholarships for special needs students from Goodyear who do not have resources to attend Camp Connect in 2017, and to help offset costs of program planning.	\$ 1,000
Helping Families In Need: to help eligible Goodyear residents gain access to health care, food and nutrition, and other benefits that can help them stabilize financially and move to a higher quality of life.	\$ 3,500
Homeless Youth Connection (HYC): to support the Empowering Youth for the Future program with student assessments and case management support.	\$ 3,000
Mission of Mercy, Inc.: to provide primary care patient visits, prescription medication (if applicable), health care literacy education, and diagnostic tests to Goodyear families.	\$ 3,000
New Life Center: to support housing costs including utilities, repairs and maintenance.	\$ 10,000

Sky Kids, Incorporated: to offer disabled or special needs children a venue to build self esteem and confidence through the unique experience of flight.	\$ 1,000
Southwest Lending Closet: to meet the ongoing and growing demand for loaned home health equipment, and to go toward meeting the needs of expanding existing space.	\$ 10,000
Southwest Valley Literacy Association: to increase the number of Goodyear-based tutors and relieve the cost of book investments.	\$ 1,000
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance: to purchase food that is not donated in sufficient quantity for Emergency Food Boxes (EFBs), ensuring that the EFBs are well-balanced nutritionally and that there is an ample inventory for agencies in Goodyear to then distribute to hungry people in need.	\$ 5,000
Teen Lifeline: to support the Crisis Hotline, Life Skills Development and Prevention & Outreach programs specifically aimed at Goodyear teens.	\$ 5,000
West Valley Youth Orchestra: to provide a one day workshop for members of the West Valley Youth Orchestra.	\$ 1,000

STAFF ANALYSIS:

None.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

This year, total funding requested from thirty-five applicants is \$284,595. The budget for the 2016-17 Community Funding Program is \$114,400. The subcommittee recommendation disperses the full \$114,400 to fund twenty-seven of the thirty-five applicants.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.